(ii) Incorporation of capacity control in gas compressors and installation of Gas Holders in order to negate surging effect.

(iii) Storage cum Flow back scheme in order to conserve gas in underground depleted reservoirs during low upliftment by outside consumers.

Strategy to meet the growing demand of LPG

3621. SHRI C. RAMCHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governemnt have drawn a strategy to meet the growing demand of the LPG in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the backlog of the demand, State-wise; and

(d) what is the time frame to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) To meet the growing demand of LPG, Oil Industry has drawn plans to augment the LPG marketing infrastructure such as augmenting the LPG bottling capacity, storage, movement capacities and setting up of new LPG distributorships etc. In order to bridge the gap between demand and supply, Government has also allowed import of LPG Under Parallel Marketing Scheme.

(c) and (d) The demand of existing consumers registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Marketing Companies, in the country is, by and large being met fully.

Permission to ONGC to File a Case

3622. SHRI KARNEDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has circulated O.M.N. H-5027/8/299-IR (Impt. I) dt. 19th March, 1999 of Ministry of Labour;

(b) whether the same was received by ONGC;

(c) whether ONGC has filed a case against such award of 1 of 1994 in Calcutta High Court; and

(d) if so, whether permission was given to ONGC by Ministry to file a case in Calcutta High Court against Award 1 of 1994 of Central Government Industrial Tribunal, Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No permission was sought by Oil & Natural Gas Coroporation Ltd. (ONGC) while filing the case in the Calcutta High Court.

Distributors of LPG in North Cachar District of Assam

3623. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of distributors of LPG in the district of North Cachar of Assam;

(b) the number of persons on the waiting list of LPG connections in the said District; and

(c) the time by which the LPG connection are likely to be released to the wait listed persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) There is only one LPG distributor, M/s Ruina Gas Agency of Indian Oil Corporation Limited in the District of North Cachar of Assam.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no wait lish with subject distributorship and LPG connections are being released on demand across the counter.

Fund Mobilisation by GAIL

3624. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be plased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Authority of India Ltd. proposes to mobilize upto Rs. 300 crores from the domestic market during current financial year;

(b) what are the projects which will be funded by this; and

(c) the projects that are expected to be taken up during the current financial year?